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Not every emperor wears a crown.

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A Congressional inquiry: "Have you something equally good for a constituent of mine?"

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"Tricked, and by our friends!" exclaimed a Cuban orator. And the one exclamation tells it all.

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General McArthur has not deported an editor for several days. Can it be that the military situation is no longer menaced?

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It is barely possible that Mr. Carnegie is trying to give all his money away before Dr. Harper catches him and takes it from him.

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Luckily for a number of ex-Senators and ex-Congressmen, Thomas Carter did not talk the St. Louis fair appropriation to death.

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Perhaps it was an oversight, but the second inaugural address did not contain anything about maintaining the integrity of the civil service.

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Beginning with April twelfth, THE COMMONER will contain twelve pages and a limited amount of space will be devoted to advertising matter.

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Abraham Lincoln said that the nation could not survive half slave and half free. Neither can a republic long survive half citizen and half subject.

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Subscribers are invited to send in the names of persons who would be likely to desire THE COMMONER and sample copies will be mailed to the same.

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"When can we get out of Cuba?" is not the question that is worrying the administration managers. "What can we get out of Cuba?" is the question.

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William Waldorf Astor stipulated that his book should not be published nor offered for sale in the United States. As a result it is being sold at a rapid rate.

A great many republican organs that print long eulogies of Benjamin Harrison would do better to follow his advice on matters of current importance.

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The fact that Sampson will get \$3,000 more prize money than Dewey, is another good argument in favor of doing away with the old prize money system.

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The man who stops to throw a stone at every cur that snaps at his heels is not a good man to send for the doctor when a member of the family is seriously ill.

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John Bull might explain his failure to catch DeWet by admitting that while running he often stumbles because he has to look over his shoulder in the direction of Adam Zad.

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The Chicago Record asserts that Canada will rely on its tariff to prevent monopoly by trusts in the Dominion. The lawmakers responsible for that policy are evidently striving for reputations as humorists.

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The last recorded words of Benjamin Harrison were words of sympathy for the struggling Boer republics. In writing those words Benjamin Harrison sealed for all time his right to the title of American citizen.

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An Ohio judge has decided that a 3-cent street car fare is unconstitutional if the street car owners object to it. It was also an Ohio court that gracefully backed down when an oil corporation gave the signal.

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The only argument advanced for making the salaries of the judges in the Philippines \$20,000 a year is that the salary must be large enough to insure honesty on the part of the judges. Why not discourage horse stealing by giving everyone several horses?

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Attorney General Griggs is to leave the cabinet on the 31st of this month. If his successor is another trust lawyer it is appropriate that he should enter upon his official duties on April 1—all fool's day. His administration will be a large joke on the people.

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The report that keorose on the water in swamps and morasses will remove the mosquito pest explains several mysteries. It explains why the Standard Oil company can declare such big dividends, and also explains why that company organized under the laws of New Jersey.

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When Weyler adopted the reconcentrado policy every newspaper in the United States denounced it as brutal. Now that a similar policy has been adopted by the United States in the Philippine islands the administration organs only look wise and talk about the "duty of Christian nations."

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The clouds that float above us, come and go at their pleasure—it is not within the power of man to control them. Not so with the "war clouds;" these seem to be manipulated by foreign correspondents and are used to relieve the monotony of market reports. Ever and anon we are

startled by the announcement that some European nation is about to engage in war with some other nation, but in a few days the rumor is denied and the excitement subsides. A short time ago England and Russia were about to clash over Chinese territory, but now we are assured that the Lion and the Bear are entirely harmonious and are going to withdraw from China together. So let it be.

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Mr. Thomas C. Platt seems to have undergone a process of evolution. Instead of being the "Me too" of the New York senatorial pair, he has stepped up one pace and allowed Chauncey Mitchell Depew to occupy the old position. As a result, Colonel Sanger is drawing a comfortable salary in the war department.

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The first year of the Twentieth century will make up one of the blackest pages in the history of civilization. Well armed and disciplined troops routing and slaughtering unarmed, timorous and fleeing Chinese may be war, but men responsible for that kind of warfare will have to answer for murder in the final judgment.

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Republican logic is a queer thing. When asked for a defense of this republic's un-American policy in the Philippines the republicans will quote: "My country, may she ever be right; but right or wrong, my country." Then, when asked why they sympathize with England and denounce the Boers they assert that the Boers are in the wrong.

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The advocates of municipal ownership note with pleasure the result of the election for members of the city council of London. A majority of the members of the new council favor the municipal ownership of municipal franchises. When the largest city in the world, especially in England, can undertake this reform the republicans will have to speak respectfully of the democrats and populists, who object to bestowing valuable franchises upon private corporations in this country.

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Some of the papers are complaining because Charles Schwab is to receive one million dollars a year for managing the steel trust. Those who are opposed to trusts will not complain, for the people need enlightenment on the subject of monopoly and this object lesson will be of great service. When a corporation can pay a salary twenty times as large as the salary paid to the President and two hundred times as large as the salary paid to Senators and Members of Congress the voters will see the necessity of placing a limit upon that fictitious person called a corporation.

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Hon. Webster Davis is engaged in writing a book on the Boer war. His acquaintance with the subject, together with his great ability, ought to make the volume a very interesting one. The press dispatches—which, however, are not always accurate—stated that he received \$180,000 for the copyright. Whether the sum mentioned is above or below the mark, his many friends will hope that the remuneration was ample.

The moral courage displayed by him in resigning his position in the interior department and the zeal manifested in the campaign of 1900, have endeared him to the opponents of imperialism.